Composting Utopia—The 2018 Zendik Reunion Tour

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Usually, when groups of people get together to try to save the world, they both do great stuff and screw each other up. Thank goodness for art, the best tool ever for composting the stinky guck of utopia-gone-wrong into fertile soul-soil—the other black gold.

This summer, author Helen Zuman and vocalist Kyra Gordon—both veterans of Zendik Farm (1969-2013), a pseudo-revolutionary communal group that aspired to use honesty, cooperation, and artistry to end lying, competition, and ecocide—are mounting the first ever Zendik Reunion Tour: a celebration of the fruits of a painful, joyful, and transformative experience. Along the way, they'll welcome fellow former Zendiks to the stage, as well as other special guests.

Helen Zuman (*Mating in Captivity: A Memoir*, She Writes Press 2018) is a tree-hugging dirt worshipper devoted to turning waste into food, and the stinky guck of experience into fertile, fragrant prose. She holds a B.A. in Visual and Environmental Studies from Harvard and a Half-FA in memoir from Hunter College. Raised in Brooklyn, she lives with her husband in Beacon, NY and Black Mountain, NC.

Jazz and blues vocalist **Kyra Gordon** brings her soulful tone and searching spirit to both songwriting and stage. A native of Oakland, CA, she improvises with "The Freeze," a playful Bay Area hip-hop collective that she helped found; plays keyboard and sings lead vocals for the original funk project "Captain Input"; and performs solo once a month at San Francisco's Rite Spot. Her latest project, *Loving Janis: The Music of Janis Ian and Janis Joplin*, debuted at Ashkenaz in March 2018. In summer 2018, she'll extend her annual house concert tour to NYC.

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